(*b*) will Government be pleased to control the price of firewood and open a fire-wood depot at Ernakulam, as early as possible ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements are being made to make fuel available at reasonable rates at Ernakulam for domestic purposes.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: May I inform the Government that the price formerly was Rs. 4 per ton ?

Mr. President: Order, order. the Hon'ble Member seems to be making a recommendation by putting it in the form of a question.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: I was making a suggestion only.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether fuel will be made available for Mattancheri also.

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: Arrangements are also being made for Mattancheri.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Thank you.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: What is the cost per ton?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: Fuel is sold at Ernakulam at Rs. 16 per ton.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What exactly are the arrangements now being made for the supply of fuel ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: Fuel can be had even today at Ernakulam at Rs. 16 per ton.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: What was the price of fuel 6 months ago.

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: I don't know.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: At what rate were you selling a waggon-load of fuel 6 months ago ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: We were not selling fuel then.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: How many fuel depots have been started at Ernakulam ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: One Central Depot and 4 sub-depots are being started.

Mr. President: The next business is voting of supplementary grants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, may I point out that there is a convention in this House that supplementaries are allowed to be put on questions reached before the time for questions is over.

Mr. President: I don't think that the convention has been broken.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: There will be persons who want to put supplementary questions on this question of supply of fuel.

EXTENT OF LAND GIVEN TO PRIVATE PARTIES FROM RESERVE FORESTS

39. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state what is the area given to private parties from Reserve Forests for cultivation in the years 1117 and 1118 ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*:

1117	*1118*
4122 acres.	310 acres.

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